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Chairman, Joint Economic Committee

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Bennett Announces Hearing on the Costs of Health Technology

Washington, D.C. – Senator Bob Bennett (R-Utah), chairman of the Joint Economic Committee (JEC), announced today that he will hold a hearing on Wednesday, July 9, on “Technology, Innovation and the Costs of Health Care.” In most sectors of the economy the introduction of new technologies and other innovations often results in greater efficiencies and lower production costs. In health care the opposite appears to be true. The hearing will explore what is unique to the health care industry that produces this result and possible solutions to reduce the cost of new health care innovations.

WHAT: JEC hearing on “Technology, Innovation and Health Care Costs”

WHEN: 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 9, 2003

WHERE: Room 628, Dirksen Senate Office Building

WITNESSES: 1st Panel
Commissioner Mark McClellan, M.D., Ph.D.
U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Director Carolyn M. Clancy, M.D.
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

2nd Panel
Peter J. Neumann, Sc.D., Deputy Director
Program on the Economic Evaluation of Medical Technology
Harvard School of Public Health

Other witnesses TBA

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